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Title : Electro Mechanical Brake, Control Device and Control
Methods

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office
Action dated September 12, 2007.

The rejection of Claims 15-25 and 27-30 (Claim 26 being indicated allowable) as being unpatentable over Shirai et al. in view of JP '253 and Crossman under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is traversed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Preliminary Amendment filed May 20, 2007, Applicant amended Claim 15 to recite a configuration and operation of the lock mechanism in which that mechanism is maintained in an actuated state even upon termination of the braking force instruction. The Office Action does not contend that either Shirai